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In re application of:  
Robert Lance Cook et al.

§ Examiner: Dougherty, J.

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For: A METHOD OF COUPLING A  
TUBULAR MEMBER TO A  
PREEXISTING STRUCTURE

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Group Art Unit: 3672

**AMENDMENT**

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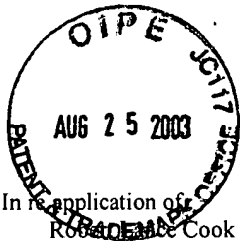
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 37 of this document.



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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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